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In re

Patent Application of

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Application No. 09/911,188

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Examiner: Julio C. Gonzalez

“FIELD ASSEMBLY AND METHODS FOR
ASSEMBLING A FIELD ASSEMBLY”

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**COMMENTS ON THE STATEMENT OF
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(e)**

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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth in the Notice of Allowance dated September 3, 2003.

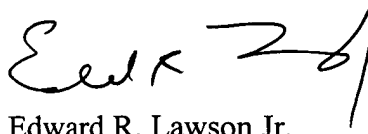
Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has identified a single reason for allowance of independent Claims 1, 7 and 14 and, therefore, for allowance of dependent Claims 2-5, 8-9, 13, 15-17 and 39-41.

Applicants also respectfully submit that Claims 1-5, 7-9, 13-17 and 39-41 are allowable for additional separate and independent reasons, such as the relevant reasons set forth in the Amendment filed June 6, 2003. The independent claims (Claims 1, 7 and 14) include additional patentable features and/or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner. Similarly,

the dependent claims (Claims 2-5, 8-9, 13, 15-17 and 39-41) include additional patentable features and/or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner.

The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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